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President's Message

Welcome to the Governor Stone Mardi Gras Ball. We are happy to have you here for this occasion and we hope you will enjoy the entertainment and festivities the Ball Committee has provided for this evening.

Your presence tonight is an indication of your interest in the Hope Restoration. We need you and want you to continue this support.

We have come a long way since the fall of 1964 when a small group of county citizens gathered around Mrs. Moses B. Gillam's old dining room table at "Rosefield." There was a lawyer, a farmer, a housewife, a little old retired postmistress, a school teacher, and others representing all walks of life. The Bertie County Development Association and the Bertie County Historical Association asked these people to meet and agree to sponsor a new organization — an organization whose primary purpose would be to purchase, restore, furnish, and maintain Governor David Stone's home, "Hope." Thus was born the Historic Hope Foundation, Incorporated.

We had no money, but we did have people and a determined group, I must say. Officers and directors were soon elected and everyone went to work.

We read in the newspapers that the Richardson Foundation of Greensboro and New York was giving \$100,000.00 to North Carolina to be used for challenge grants in projects of an historic nature. We immediately applied for a grant, and were successful in receiving a \$5,000.00 challenge grant provided we raise \$15,000.00. Then through our many wonderful friends in the 1965 State Legislature we received an appropriation of \$20,000.00 on a dollar - for - dollar matching basis. We really went to work then raising funds, and by the end of 1965 the Foundation had met the challenge. We would receive a total of \$40,000.00.

From the very beginning it was a struggle to meet these challenge grants. We saved every dollar we could raise. Volunteers typed hundreds of letters. Steering committee members spoke to any organization that would hear the "Hope" cause. We sponsored a variety show, sold Christmas cards, begged and pleaded for contributions, and we gave ourselves.

With the \$40,000.00 in our treasury we could negotiate the purchase of "Hope" and begin restoration immediately. Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith of

Windsor agreed to sell the mansion and 18.12 acres of land to the Foundation. We were on our way.

The members of the 1967 North Carolina General Assembly saw the progress we had made and recognized our great need for additional funds. They awarded us another grant, this time a grant-in-aid, for \$20,000.00.

Since the beginning of 1968 many wonderful things have begun to happen. Our first lady, Mrs. Dan K. Moore, agreed to organize and serve as Honorary Chairman of a "Friends of Historic Hope Committee." The dynamic Mrs. Ernest Ives, recently appointed to President Johnson's Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation, was named a Co-Chairman of this Committee with our own Jack Tyler as the other Co-Chairman. We vitally needed representation from all over North Carolina and these fifty "Friends" could assist in so many areas.

Spending wisely and conservatively we had accomplished much, but as in all authentic restorations money goes rapidly. Our funds were exhausted. We were faced now with another dilemma — a new roof, a major expense, a major undertaking.

There was good news however, at this very same time. The Richardson Foundation would contribute another \$5,000.00 to our restoration provided we would raise another \$15,000.00 before December 31, 1968.

The decision was made to set out on our most ambitious venture to date. We voted to have the Governor Stone Mardi Gras Ball. Mrs. Wood Beasley, Mrs. Peter Rascoe, Joe Cherry, and Steve Burch accepted the responsibility of staging the Ball. Under their leadership and with your help and good support, we are accomplishing much.

As a result of this Ball and this fine program our new roof is assured. With a few more thousand dollars our Richardson Foundation challenge grant will be assured. More important than all else, I feel that we have won many new friends for "Hope."

All of us thank you for your part in making our Ball such a success. Dance, have a good time — and please always know we will appreciate any kind word you can say about the Hope restoration.

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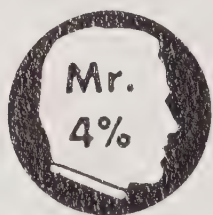
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Our very special thanks to each one of you who attends the Ball. Your support of the restoration of Hope is evident by your presence here tonight. We hope you will have a pleasant evening.

This souvenir program has been compiled to tell you the story of Hope. It is an interesting one and worthy of your attention. Please help us see that Hope takes its rightful place among North Carolina historical restorations.

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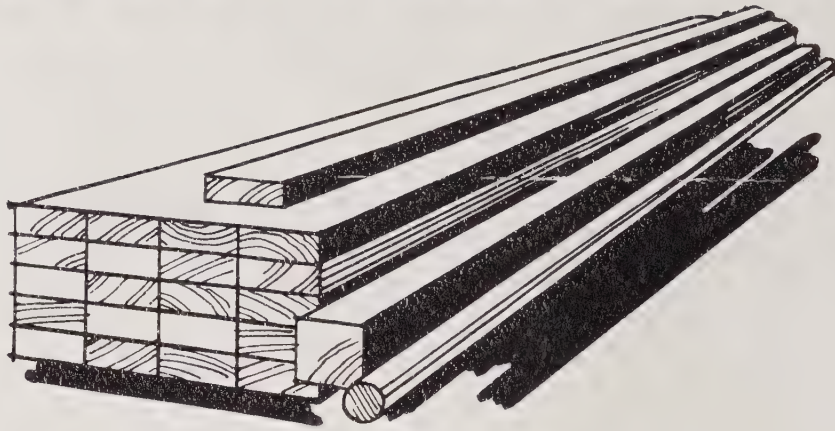
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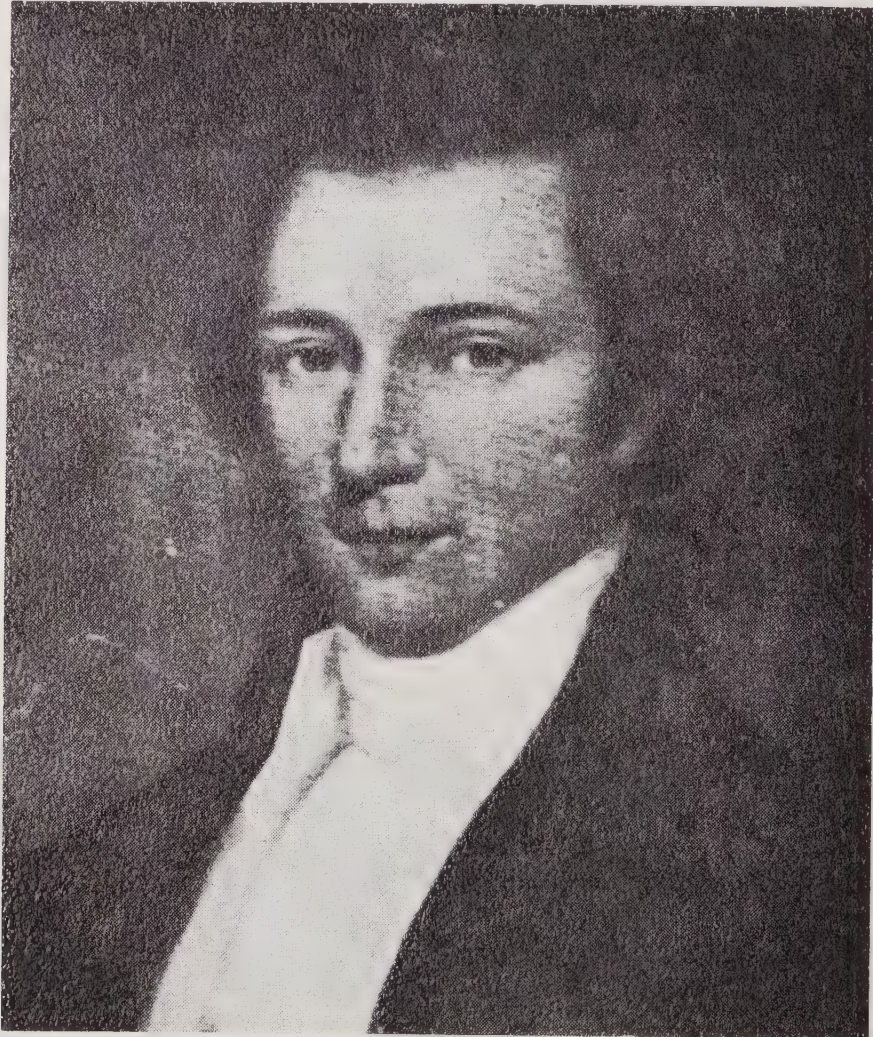
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David Stone, the son of Zedekiah Stone and his wife, Elizabeth Williamson was born February 17th, 1770 in Bertie County. He was educated at Princeton, and studied law under General William R. Davie at Halifax. In 1790, not yet being twenty one years old, he represented Bertie County in the North Carolina General Assembly, to which he was continuously re-elected until 1795. Then, only twenty five, he was elected to the Superior Court bench as the youngest judge who had yet presided in North Carolina. In 1799 David Stone was elected to the United States House of Representatives and in 1800 to the United States Senate.



Stone, in 1808 was elected Governor of North Carolina and served two annual terms. He again represented Bertie County in the North Carolina General Assembly in 1811. The following year he was again elected to the United States Senate.

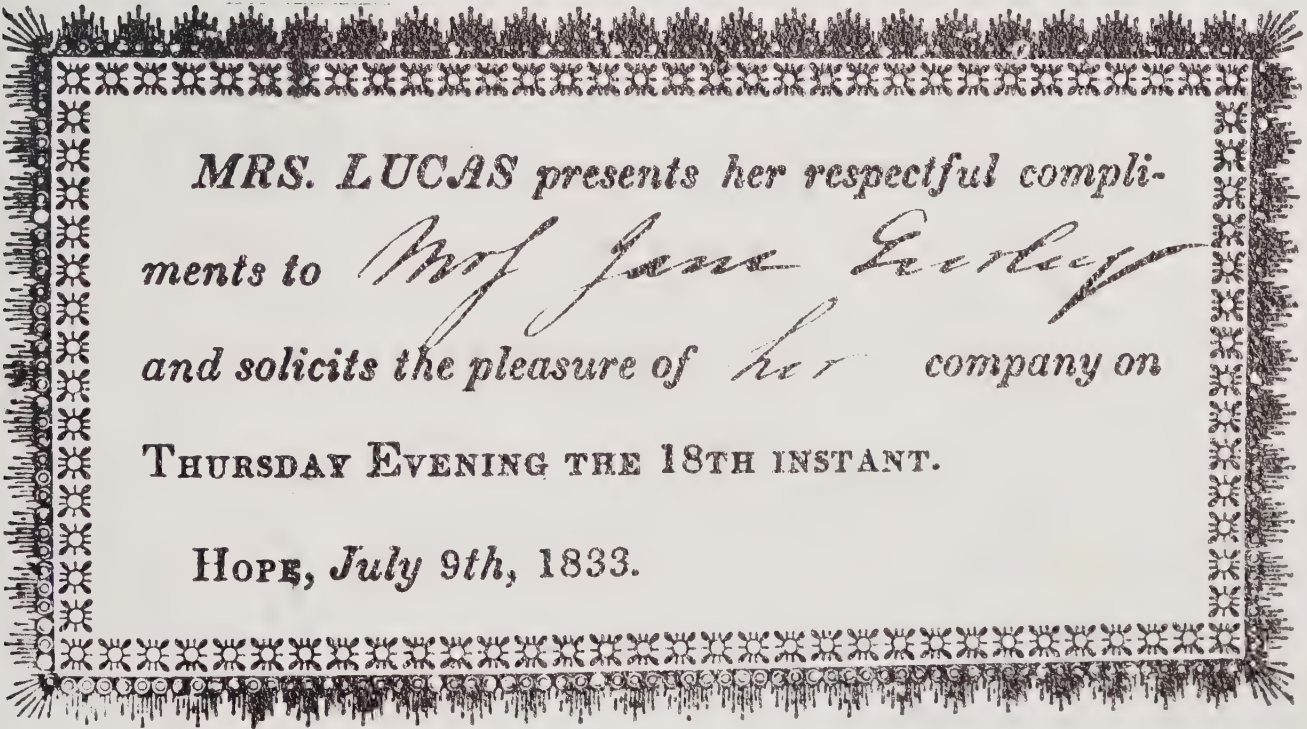
He married first on March 13, 1793, Hannah Turner, a daughter of Simon Turner of Bertie County, and a sister of Judge William Turner of Tennessee. (Stone's original marriage certificate has recently been donated to The Historic Hope Foundation by one of his descendants, Mrs. Eliza Symmes of Wilmington, N. C.) After the death of his first wife, David Stone married Sarah Dashiell. This second marriage took place at Hope, his Bertie County home.

Though Stone was constantly active in the political life of his state and nation, he also engaged in extensive farming operations. In 1810 he owned over five thousand acres of land in Bertie as well as large holdings in Wake

County. His private library of over fourteen hundred volumes was one of the finest in North Carolina of the period. It contained many works on law, history, religion, geography and literature. A number of his books were printed in foreign languages.

On October 7, 1818, "David Stone, a gentleman of great erudition and learning," died at the age of forty eight. In his short but brilliant career of twenty two years from 1790 to 1812 he had been seven times elected a member of the North Carolina General Assembly, once elected a Congressman, twice elected Judge, twice elected Governor and twice elected United States Senator.

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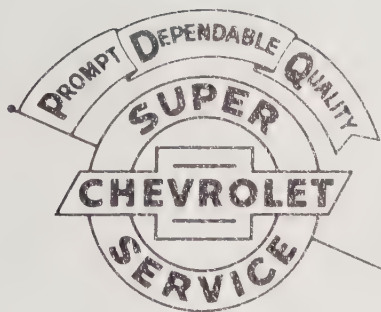
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Hope, May, 1966

The land on which Hope was built was originally granted in the 1720's to members of the Hobson family by the Lords Proprietors. Later, one Francis Hobson, who had come into possession of the property married Elizabeth Williamson. In 1765 he deeded the property to her. After Hobson's death his widow married Zedekiah Stone who had left New England to settle in Bertie County. It was thus that the Hope property came into the Stone possession.

In February 1793 young David Stone was deeded this land by his father, Zedekiah Stone. The conveyance speaks of the property, containing one thousand, fifty one acres and "known as the Hope Tract of land and lying about five miles west of Windsor on both sides of the Halifax Road." This exchange of property from father to son, no doubt, came in the form of a wedding gift to David Stone as he was married a month later to Hannah Turner, the seventeen year old daughter of Simon Turner of Bertie County.

The building of the Hope mansion, perhaps was begun a few years after David Stone's marriage, just at the end of the eighteenth century. Architectural research substantiates this dating of the dwelling. Documentary evidence proves that the house had reached its final stage of completion by 1803. In a letter of that date from one Joseph Sands of New York to David Stone, the writer in a reply to a request from Stone quotes descriptions and prices of marble "chimney pieces" (the facing around a fireplace) which

he

Governor Stone



Hope, December, 1967

he could furnish Stone for his house. The writer speaks of Italian marble which he has available and of a red stone found near Newark, New Jersey. Both of these are found in the house.

While the architecture of Hope is perhaps unique in rural eastern North Carolina a number of important houses of this particular Georgian style were built here in America during the late Colonial Period. No doubt its basic form and plan developed on the drafting board of an Eighteenth Century English architect. The floor plan of Hope bears a striking similarity to that of the Miles Brewton house in Charleston, South Carolina, which was built some thirty years earlier. Reading a description of the Brewton house from "The Architects of Charleston" by Beatrice St. Julien Ravenel, one might think that the author was speaking of Hope. She says, "The plan is of the familiar Georgian one of the 'double house'. On the first floor a hall runs through the center from front door to back. On each side are two rooms . . . In many such houses the hall is crossed midway by an arch . . . Up stairs the hall is confined to the back, leaving the front to two rooms, a large drawing room and a smaller card room. The same plan was used in the Heyworth Washington house built since 1750 and was to be popular for years. The arrangement is excellent for a warm climate, because every room has two exposures, and the hall draws a draft through the middle."

While Hope is primarily Georgian in design influences of the Federal Period, during which time it was built, have been incorporated in its construction. This is evident in several features. The main stair, instead of being an open one placed prominently at the end of the central hall, ascending to a landing stretching across the rear of the hall, then turning back to the front as it continues upwards, has been encased between solid walls at Hope and runs straight along the left side of the hall as seen from the front door. Also, the bedrooms have taken on an insignificant size as compared to the other rooms of the house. Another aspect of the Federal Period is found in the enlargement of the window panes, which are sixteen by twenty inches. Though this was prevalent in many important homes by 1800, this feature had been incorporated in some earlier buildings such as Tryon Palace and Jefferson's Monticello.

The approach to the house today is to the rear. The colonial road from Windsor to Halifax which originally ran in front of the house has disappeared. The main facade of Hope is graced with a double portico, featuring a Chinese Chippendale balustrade. The "widow's walk" across the top of the roof is enclosed with a balustrade of the same design. The steps from the attic to the roof have a nautical appearance, being constructed in the manner of a ship's companionway. The brick foundation of the house is sufficiently high to allow the basement to be completely above ground. Here is found the winter kitchen from which a stair leads up to the family dining room.

On the first floor, in addition to the main hall are two bedrooms, the main dining room and the family dining room. On the second floor are the two most important rooms of the house, the drawing room and the library. The drawing room opens on the upper portico. This beautifully proportioned room features a very handsome dentil cornice. The library has bookcases extending from the floor to the ceiling on the two inside walls. Governor Stone's library of over fourteen hundred volumes was listed by title in his estate inventory. Three other rooms (possibly bedrooms) and a back hall complete the second floor. An interesting feature at Hope is the secondary or servants' stair, which leads from the basement to the roof, with exits on each floor, but completely secluded from the public rooms of the house.

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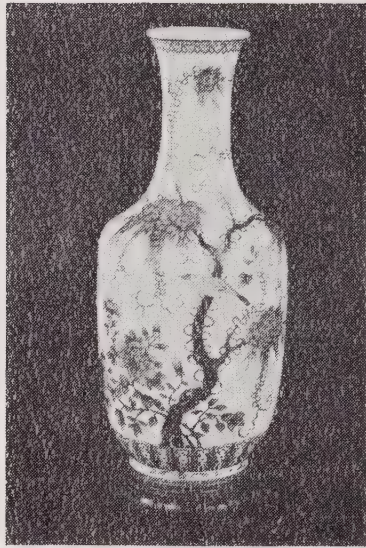
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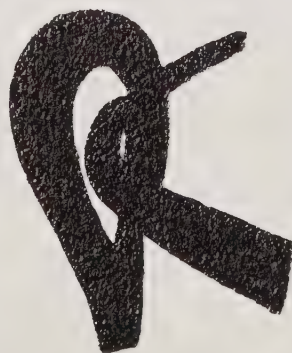
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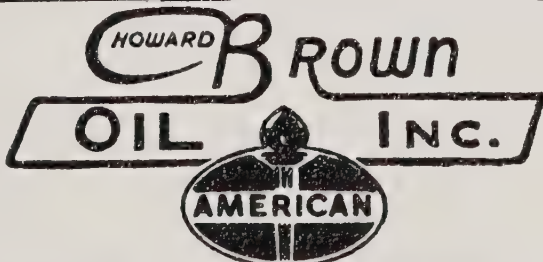
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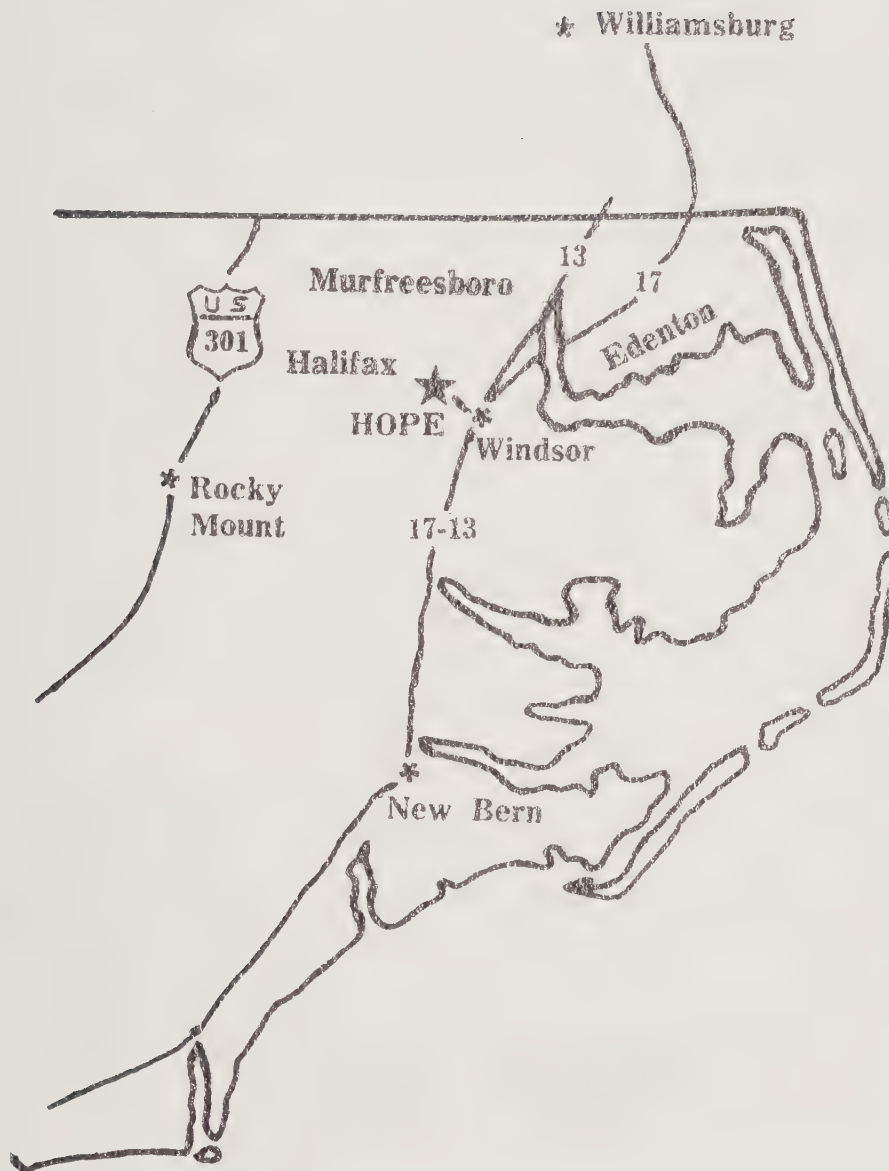


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Progress Report On The Hope Restoration

The Hope Restoration Committee was established by Historic Hope Foundation in February, 1966. It is composed of the following members: John E. Tyler, Chairman; Mrs. Wood Beasley, Dan Bowen, Stephen Burch, Mrs. Ethel R. Cherry, Mrs. J. Peter Rascoe, Jr., and Robert C. White.

First a protective fence, 150 feet square and six feet high of close mesh wire, was erected about the mansion. The erection of the fence was undertaken by the Windsor Junior Chamber of Commerce. The project was directed by Mr. R. V. Thompson. We are most appreciative of the very fine job and of the interest that the Windsor Junior Chamber of Commerce has shown.

Prerequisites for any proper restoration include historical, architectural and archaeological research. The restoration committee was assisted in this phase of our work by Mr. Richard W. Iobst, professional researcher, who has done extensive historical research on the project; Mr. A. L. Honeycutt, Jr. and Mr. Arthur J. P. Edwards, Restoration Specialists of the Historic Sites Division, North Carolina Department of Archives and History who investigated the architectural aspects of Hope; and Mr. Stanley South, Staff Archaeologist with the Historic Sites Division of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History, who has conducted and reported on the archaeological investigation of the site.

The committee felt that, first, the most pressing need was to stabilize the house and prevent further deterioration before actual restoration and replacements could be made and, second, that the restoration of the exterior should be completed before the problem of the interior was approached. This was accomplished. Leaks in the roof were repaired and all the missing window panes were replaced.

One of the first actions of the committee was to secure a capable person with knowledge and experience in restoration work. We were fortunate in employing the services of Mr. W. M. Kemp of the M. G. Brown Company of Edenton, who was well recommended by restoration specialists. He is in charge of general construction at Hope.

Early in our project, the firm of Edwards, Dove, Parker and Knight, Architects and Engineers of Rocky Mount was employed, having been recommended by the Historic Sites Division of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History. The services of our architects have been invaluable in the reconstruction of deteriorated parts of the mansion.

Actual work on the restoration began in the late summer of 1966. The house was first inspected and found free of termites. A three hundred foot deep well was sunk and a 500 gallon storage tank installed to supply needed water for fire protection and a future heating system.

All the windows have been reworked and facings replaced where necessary. New weight cords have replaced the rotted flax ones so that all the windows now can be easily raised and lowered. There were sufficient original blinds to be used at the windows on the front of the house. The blinds on the other three sides have been reproduced. The widow's walk on top of the roof has been rebuilt and enclosed by a Chinese Chippendale railing of the same design as the porch balustrade. The columns that support this railing on the roof are placed in the identical position as the original ones. The double portico on the front has been restored and the bottom half, which was missing, has been replaced. All the doors and door frames in the foundation walls have been reproduced from the one remaining original door and frame which was still in place. The framed grills in the brick foundation walls have also been reproduced from a few that were yet existing.

Brick floors have been laid in the basement kitchen and museum. The kitchen fireplace has also been rebuilt (the style being copied from the existing one in the museum room). The brick work in the foundation has all been repointed and restored. All the chimneys have been restored and repointed up to the lower shoulder.

Two sides of the house have received their primer coat of paint. Analysis of paint fragments for determining the original color was established by the staff of Colonial Williamsburg. The original colors of the exterior, which will be duplicated, consist of light yellow weather boarding, off white trim on the window and door frames, boxing, porch columns and railing. The window blinds are a dark green. The front and back doors will be restored to their marbleized red.

The area immediately around the house has been graded and dirt hauled in where necessary so that water will drain away from the house. The earthen floor of the large basement compartment has been filled in with dirt, bringing it back to its original level.

According to the Restoration Committee's projected plans the exterior of the mansion is scheduled to be completed by the end of 1968, and the interior and final completion of the Hope Restoration should be accomplished by the end of 1969. Hope, at that time, will be opened to the general public as a house museum with regular visiting hours.

John E. Tyler,

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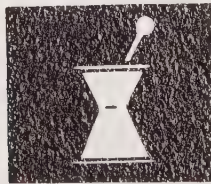
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Cannon Cup Award

John E. Tyler, first chairman of Historic Hope Restoration Committee, was honored as a recipient of the Cannon Cup in November 1967, an award presented annually by the North Carolina Society for the Preservation of Antiquities for outstanding achievement in the field of restoration. This award was made in connection with his work and efforts in regards to the Hope Restoration.

For many years Mr. Tyler has compiled photographs and information on the early architecture of his county and region and has used his knowledge and interest to further the overall Bertie County historical program, particularly through the Bertie County Historical Association of which he was a charter member. He has been closely associated with several of the state's major restorations located in Eastern Carolina. He has been a leader especially in the movement to restore Hope Plantation, the Bertie mansion home of David Stone, Governor of North Carolina, 1808-1810.

A founding member of the Historic Hope Foundation, Mr. Tyler was made chairman of the committee and has led in all aspects of the Hope project. He has given liberally of his time and abilities in coordinating and directing the restoration work at Hope. The fine progress being made testifies to his loyalty and ability.

Mr. Tyler accepted the award on behalf of the entire membership of the Hope Foundation, without whose support, he said, the recognition could never have been possible.

Halifax Award

Historic Hope Foundation, Inc., was selected by the Advisory Board of Review to be a recipient of the annual Halifax Resolves Award.

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Presentation of an engraved plaque was made during ceremonies commemorating the 190th anniversary of the Halifax Resolves on April 12, 1966 by Mr. Ray Wilkinson, chairman of the Historic Halifax Restoration Association, Inc.

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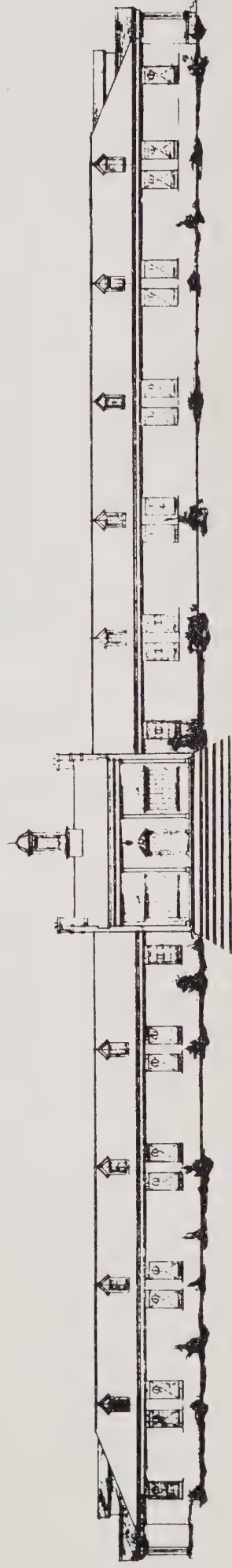
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